

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are amended.

In response to the December 6, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Species (2), which is identified in the Election Requirement as relating to Figure 5. At least claim 2 reads on the elected species, and no claim is generic to all species.

Applicant traverses the Election Requirement because the division of Species (1) and (2) is improper. The Election Requirement asserts that Figure 3 corresponds with Species (1), and that Figure 5 corresponds with Species (2). However, Figures 3 and 5 are both cross-sections of the same embodiment (the first exemplary embodiment), and it is thus not clear to Applicant which species are subject to the Election Requirement. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the Election Requirement be withdrawn. Applicant further submits that the application should proceed with the embodiments of at least Figures 7a and 7b, which relates to at least claim 2.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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